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FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES IN EDUCATION.**No. II.****WRITTEN THOUGHTS.**

"Knowledge is Power," it has been said; and so, forthsooth, the aim of parents and of teachers, too common'ly, is to load the minds of the young, even to surfeit, with words and ideas, as the poultier stuffs the turkey for market; forgetting that to verify the adage, knowledge must be rightly and diligently employed.

Of what value would be the possession of a gold mine if the owner will not suffer it to be uncovered and its rich treasures dug out and put into circulation? Of what use would be the knowledge of the best informed artisan—the sculptor or the ship-builder, for instance, if he do not apply his skill to dress and fashion the rude block or to fell and trim and adjust the huge oak to its proper position and use, in the new structure? Art is esteemed a purifier, but if not put in motion it becomes a collector of deleterious substances that will engender disease and death. Water is one of the most health giving and useful of the elements; but only in the living spring and the running stream. The stagnant pool is not only unuseful, it is positively mischievous, poisonous to health and destructive of life.

By parity of reasoning, we may claim that knowledge is power, only so far as it is exercised and tripped and fitted for use, by salutary discipline and judicious adaptation. Just here we would express our strong conviction that the most effective mode of bringing to the light of one's own consciousness, and exhibiting to the apprehension of others, the knowledge we do possess; the most ready and effectual method of pruning, improving, refining, strengthening and using the ideas we have acquired, and of multiplying them advantageously, is, to give expression to them in written language. The benefit of this exercise becomes more and more obvious from examination and illustration. As in building an edifice, the architect has to inspect the quarry and search the forest to obtain the necessary materials for his structure, and then with the utmost care to prepare them for and adjust them to their proper places; so in composing essays, the writer must explore the storehouse of his mind, first for ideas and then for language; he must reflect, compare, and weigh, and cull; and then he will often re-examine his chosen thought and prune and adapt it to its proper use. This makes him acquainted by degrees, as no other process can, with his own mental resources; and what is more, it accustoms him to draw upon them and facilitates his assignment of "the right thought for the right place," in its true relations, maintaining logical unity, consistency and strength.

Let it not be thought that we overrate this process. We are convinced that it both begots and develops to the appreciation of others and to his own efficiency, a true intellectual wisdom, which, we submit, differs widely from what is technically termed knowledge; a distinction which Cooper thus aptly expresses.

"Knowledge and wisdom, far from being one, have oftentimes no connection: Knowledge dwells in heads replete with thoughts of other men; Wisdom, in minds attentive to their own."

We know it is easier to talk than to write, and selfish, unambitious ease will often elect the former. It costs less labor to participate in an extempore debate than to think strongly and deeply, and to write with care and accuracy; and it may be more entertaining and less troublesome to listen to a lecture than to do either.—But while we would by no means disparage the learned lecture, nor underrate the utility of the well conducted debate, we cannot hesitate to assign to the exercise of original writing the pre-eminent place in the educational programme, after the simple elements are mastered. It is the symbol of ideas for the thought-artist, as the drawing is for the architect or the model for the machinist.

The celebrated Tupper, in descanting upon this subject, tuppeth it foremost too. He says of writing—

"It fixeth, expandeth and dissemineth sentiment;

"Chaineth up a thought, clearing it of mystery and confounding it bright into the world.

"To think rightly, is of knowledge; to speak fluently is of nature—

To write well, is to write; to remember write; to know thine own mind, write;

"Therefore, to husband thine ideas, and give them stability and substance,

"Write often for thy secret eye; so shalt thou grow wiser;

"Cast not the shadow that deparseth; speech is fleeting as the wind;

"Reading is an unremembered pastime, but writing is eternal."

In presenting these thoughts to parents and teachers and to youth who are ambitious of self-culture—educators all—we would fain impress them with the incalculable value of the hidden, unfathomed resources of their pupils' minds, and the advantage and safety of taking frequent soundings of their depths, and of gaining clear understanding of their unseen currents of thought and desire.

County Physician Dodd reports 295 sudden deaths in Newark during the past year, of which 15 were suicides, 13 were caused by intemperance, 23 were railroad accidents, 29 by drowning, 4 by burning, 5 by manslaughter, and one by accidental poisoning.

THE BLOOMFIELD ASSESSOR.

Another communication from the Assessor has appeared in print here. Like the former, it darkens counsel by inadvertent statements, fallacious reasoning, or misconstruction of our argument. We do not think it will succeed in exciting doubt of the sincerity of our purpose, or of the truthfulness of our facts.

Having always cherished the greatest respect for the Christian gentleman who fills the office of Assessor, we shall be sorry if he compromises his good name by involving himself in a one-sided personal wrangle. We certainly shall not follow him there. Our only aim has been to awaken attention to a great injustice existing in our towns alone, and which we have endeavored to set forth truly and clearly, volunteering any aid we could render to the Assessor here in efforts to rectify it. His remarks upon what we have written on this important subject have in no wise disproved our main position, that there is a great inequality in the relative valuations of different properties which bears unfairly and unjustly upon those who are least able to meet it, and is most advantageous to those who are boarding for posterity. Not that we would criticize any who are desirous of laying up for their children; they may be commanded for that. But we insist that as taxes are levied for public and common interests, the burden of them should be in an exact proportion as possible to the market value of the property owned by each. It cannot be just, and will not be tolerated, that one citizen should pay at a rate of 40 per cent while others are assessed at a rate of 25, 20 and even 16 per cent! That this has been the irregularity of the past we have demonstrated in a few casual instances; we confidently believe that it can be shown in probably hundreds of other cases to be just as unequal.

But we will pursue this no further at the present time. We cannot believe that the Assessor wishes to see an unfair valuation, or to put an unrighteous tax upon any citizen. It is undoubtedly in his power to make the valuations *relatively equal*, that is, holding the same relations to the cash values of the properties. The assessment should unquestionably be *equal*. IN EVERY CASE, be at the same percentage of the cash value. Is not that fair, honest, righteous? Now the public desire to know, and they surely have a right to know, whether the Assessor intends to adopt this equitable principle, or to pursue the irregular and uncertain course that has hitherto occasioned such wide-spread and well-founded dissatisfaction.

OAT MEAL.—We cannot too highly commend this farinaceous food. In years gone by, as it was introduced to our table, we remember that our tastes condemned it, and the verdict of the family was "good enough for horses." But seeing it advertised repeatedly in the *Gazette* by BOGLE & LYLE, who import a superior preparation of it which they supply to merchants everywhere, we concluded to try their "Irish Oatmeal."

We found it for sale at the "Family Store" of E. Wild in Bloomfield and learned that he has quite a run for it. Our table next morning presented a dish of "Bogle & Lyle's Irish Oatmeal," instead of "Hecker's Wheaten Grits," which we had thought nothing could supplant.

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HOME MATTERS.**BLOOMFIELD.****WEATHER CHRONICLE.**

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre.
May 28 29 30 31 1 2 3
At 6 A.M. 55° 56° 57° 58° 59° 60° 61°
At Noon 75° 76° 77° 78° 79° 80° 81°
At 9 P.M. 62° 63° 64° 65° 66° 67° 68°

BLOOMFIELD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

As the Bloomfield Library Association has this week held its annual election for a Board of thirteen directors for the coming year and are contemplating some progressive movement in their enterprise, we improve the occasion to call attention to an article on our first page, on the enormous collections of books in public libraries in the old countries of Europe. For the particulars, we are indebted to a valuable and reliable document of the New York Historical Society, on "the moral and intellectual influence of Libraries upon social progress," published in 1865, exclusively for the members of that association, whence we received the copy from which we have quoted.

The following citizens constitute the Board elect.

Dr. Macfarlane, Jas. A. Hedden,
T. W. Langstroth, J. W. Snedeker,
J. B. Reford, W. K. Williamson,
Thos. McGowan, H. Pierson,
D. G. Garrabrant, J. H. Chambers,
J. F. Raadolph, A. T. Morris,
Dr. J. A. Davis.

The new board will meet for organization on Friday Evening 12 inst.

Charles Farrand, an old and respected resident of Bloomfield, died Wednesday morning from typhoid pneumonia.

The Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Bloomfield will hold its first anniversary at the Baptist Church, on Tuesday June 9th.

The afternoon meeting, at three o'clock, to which all ladies are invited, is to be addressed by the State Secretary of the Society and others.

The Evening Meeting at 7:45, is open to the public generally and will be addressed by Rev. Thos. Anderson D. D. of New York City, and Rev. H. S. Smith of New Brunswick.

NEW HOUSES.—Mr. Geo. Seymour is erecting a handsome house for his own residence on Spruce or Grove Street (our informant could not tell us which, as it is called by both names, and sometimes, Canal Street) at the foot of Monroe Place.

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PROGRAMME:

1. Criticism on Last Meeting—David Garabrant.

2. Reading; Child's Dream of a Star—Prof. Anderson.

3. Essay—W. O. McDowell.

4. Reading; Society Journal—Joseph B. Maxfield.

5. Essay—James H. Lyon.

6. Reading, My first Experience at Keeping a Horse—Prof. Anderson.

6. Debate. Question; Resolved that Church Property should be Exempt from Taxation.

Affirmative—H. M. Barrett, C. C. Herrick.

Negative—Charles Maxfield, W. D. Fouke.

7. Critical Discussion of Essays and Debate. Open to all.

Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, late of Ohio, but now of New York, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church last Sunday and was listened to, we should think, with much satisfaction by the large congregation.

CHANGE OF TIME TABLE.—Trains on our Rail Road are running, since Monday last, under a new schedule of time leaving Mon. at 5.55, 7.20, 8.15, 9.30 and 10.50 A.M., and at 1.30, 3.40, 5.10, 5.55, 6.45 and 9.40 P.M. Times of leaving New York same as before.

GERMAN THEORELICAL SCHOOL, BLOOMFIELD.—The Anniversary and Commencement exercises of this Institution will take place during the fourth week in June, date of which will be given in the *Advertiser* the week previous. Examination of applicants for admission will be held at the close of the present term, 24th inst. or on the second Monday in September.

Affirmative—H. M. Barrett, C. C. Herrick.

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According to present indications there will be an abundant yield of fruit this season. The succession of Spring rains will also secure a heavy crop of grass. This ought to reduce the price of hay considerably next fall and winter.

Much precious time was occupied in the U. S. Senate on the 21st ult. growing out of a motion to correct the record. It would be time well and profitably spent for the country if such a Herculean feat could be accomplished.

A VETERAN MINISTER.—We understand that the Rev. Mr. Henry Boehm, the oldest living Minister in the Methodist Church, being about to enter upon his 100th year, will visit Bloomfield to day as the guest of our townsmen, J. W. Snedeker.

This respected "Veteran of the Cross" will, it is presumed, preach in the Methodist Church here on Sunday Morning, the 7th inst.

I understand that the bids for the proposed new Presbyterian Church, in this village, are all in, and that the contract will soon be awarded.

It is contemplated to build a Methodist Episcopal Church here. Measures are to be taken in furtherance of this commendable object. I see no reason why such a church cannot be liberally sustained.

Dr. Wm. Blakeney, our Caldwell Dentist, has opened a branch office in Boonton, where he will give his personal attention to professional calls on Wednesdays of every week.

Our PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—We learn that the number of pupils attending our Central Public School during the month of May, just past, was 503; a number larger than has been known in any previous month of this school's history. We give below the number of pupils in the different public schools of Bloomfield for the month of May, and also for the corresponding month last year:

May, 1874. May, 1873.

Central Public School 503 447

Berkley " 111 118

Brookside " 69 65

Totals, 683 625

On the Orange Road, opposite Washington Avenue, Mr. Meyer's fine residence appears to be finished and the grounds are beautifully improved.

It is a delightful walk or drive from Bloomfield, Centre through Washington Avenue in West-end, crossing Midland, Hillside and Ridgewood, Avens, passing

Mr. Draper's inviting and rural homestead by the "Willow Brook" to the Orange Road; thence through the well-named Cedar Avenue, passing the commodious and attractive boarding house of Mrs. Niblo, to Park Avenue; thence a short distance North to Eagle Rock Way, and

Harrison Avenue around to Orange Road; thence crossing to Elm street, follow it and Lincoln street to Ridgewood Avenue again, and that to Washington Avenue and the Centre.

This short tour of an hour's easy walk, or a half hour's pleasant ride, much of the way shady and cool, the direction beautifully curved, the residences of varied architecture, the lawns and gardens and ornamental grounds, the natural woods and cultivated groves presenting a change of prospect at every advance, and, combining, rendering the tour one of the most agreeable to be found anywhere.

Just South of Cedar Avenue may be seen the very noticeable residence of Mr. — Baker, on Pleasant Avenue with its attractive surroundings.

On Park Avenue, nearly opposite Cedar Avenue, stands the large and fine house of Mrs. Williams, recently built, and now occupied by its owners. A little further on, Mr. Crosby is building two fine houses, one of them indeed is already completed, well equipped with all modern improvements. They front on Harrison Avenue extension adjoining "Eagle Rock Way," and will be a great addition to this end of McLean.

M. T. Warren's splendid house with extensive grounds, beautifully improved and ornamented, fronts on the Eagle Rock way, so do Mr. W. I. Adams and Mr. Bull's model residences. Mr. Cary's solid and costly stone dwelling, stands on the corner of this romantic "Way" and Orange Road.

We have enjoyed this circuit several times and hope to many times more. There are always new beauties springing up, and enchanting views presenting themselves. Such a walk or ride is full of delights and exhilarating in its effects.

We shall doubtless speak of others from time to time.

TOWN COUNCIL.—The Township Committee held a long session on Wednesday evening. They were chiefly occupied in the matter of Mountain Avenue extension, hearing the *pro* and *con* between citizens Loomis and Van Vieck. "Decision reserved" till next meeting.

SIDE WALKS.—The side walk meeting on Tuesday evening resulted in voting an appropriation of \$3,700, twenty-six hundred of which was for paying off an accumulated indebtedness of previous years and the balance to meet the calls of the current year.

CALDWELL.—
[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Laboring men are very scarce hereabouts. It is almost impossible to hire the necessary help for garden making. The same difficulty is reported as being experienced by farmers in almost every section of the country. What has become of the tens of thousands of poor operators thrown out of employment by the stringency in the money market? Do they prefer our metropolitan cities where charitable institutions are liberally maintained, or are they organizing for a general strike?

The work on Bloomfield Ave. is progressing very slowly. More men, I think, could be employed, to good advantage, on this thoroughfare.

Judging from present indications, Fall will have come before the Telford is completed.

House owners, in this village, generally bestow considerable labor in the commendable effort to improve, by ornamentation, the grounds around their residences.